

I claim:

1 1. A bifurcated stent for facilitating retrograde supply of oxygenated blood to heart
2 tissue through a coronary sinus comprising:

3 a main covered stent having a main stent covered by a graft and defining an
4 opening, and having a leading end, and a trailing end; and

5 a side limb having a side stent, wherein said side limb is in contact with said main
6 covered stent about said opening.

1 2. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said side stent is not attached
2 to said main stent of said main covered stent.

1 3. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said side limb further has a
2 cuff that is attached to said graft of said main covered stent.

1 4. The bifurcated stent according to claim 3, wherein said cuff is attached by being
2 connected to said graft.

1 5. The bifurcated stent according to claim 3, wherein said cuff is attached by being
2 continuous with said graft.

1 6. The bifurcated stent according to claim 3, wherein said side stent is not attached
2 to said main stent of said main covered stent.

1 7. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said side stent is attached to
2 said main stent of said main covered stent.

1 8. The bifurcated stent according to claim 7, wherein said side stent is attached by
2 being connected to said main stent.

1 9. The bifurcated stent according to claim 7, wherein said side stent is attached by
2 being continuous with said main stent.

1 10. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein cross section of said main
2 covered stent varies along its extent.

1 11. The bifurcated stent according to claim 10, wherein said cross section of said
2 main covered stent tapers toward said leading end and said trailing end.

1 12. The bifurcated stent according to claim 10, wherein said main covered stent
2 exhibits a constriction near said leading end and a constriction near said trailing end.

1 13. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main covered stent has a
2 constant cross section.

1 14. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said side limb and said opening
2 have similar cross section.

1 15. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein a cross section of said leading
2 end is appropriately sized to control blood flow from said left ventricle into said main
3 covered stent.

1 16. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein a cross section of said trailing
2 end is appropriately sized to control blood flow into a right atrium.

1 17. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein cross section of said opening
2 and said side limb are appropriately sized to control the amount of blood flowing into the
3 retrograde portion of the coronary sinus.

1 18. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein cross section of said trailing
2 end, said leading end, said opening, and said side limb are appropriately sized to prevent
3 pressure level within said coronary sinus from rising above about 50 mm Hg.

1 19. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein cross section of said trailing
2 end, said leading end, said opening, and said side limb are appropriately sized to prevent
3 pressure level within the coronary sinus from rising above about half systemic pressure.

1 20. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said trailing end, said leading
2 end, said opening, and said side limb are each from about 1 mm to about 6 mm in
3 diameter.

1 21. The bifurcated stent according to claim 20, wherein said trailing end, said leading
2 end, said opening, and said side limb are each from about 2 mm to about 5 mm in
3 diameter.

1 22. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said side limb and said opening
2 have similar cross section.

1 23. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein cross section of said side limb
2 varies along its extent.

1 24. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said side limb is from about 1
2 mm to about 6 mm in diameter.

1 25. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main covered stent and
2 said side limb allow compression and expansion.

1 26. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main covered stent and
2 said side limb are flexible.

1 27. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main covered stent and
2 said side stent are of mesh construction.

1 28. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main covered stent and
2 said side stent are of coiled construction.

1 29. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main covered stent does
2 not exceed from about 6 mm to about 12 mm in diameter.

1 30. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said graft is inside said main
2 stent.

1 31. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said graft is outside said main
2 stent.

1 32. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main stent is sandwiched
2 between an inside graft and an outside graft.

1 33. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein said main covered stent
2 expands and forms a friction fit.

1 34. The bifurcated stent according to claim 1, wherein a portion of said main stent
2 near said trailing end is not covered by said graft.

1 35. A method for facilitating retrograde supply of oxygenated blood from a left
2 ventricle to heart tissue via a coronary sinus comprising:

3 puncturing a hole through said coronary sinus and a wall of said left ventricle,

4 delivering a bifurcated stent having a main covered stent with a main stent

5 covered by a graft and having a leading end and a trailing end; and a side limb having a

6 side stent, wherein said side limb is in contact with said main covered stent about an

7 opening in said main covered stent,

8 wherein said opening is substantially aligned with a retrograde portion of said
9 coronary sinus.

1 36. The method according to claim 35, wherein said leading end is positioned within
2 said left ventricle.

1 37. The method according to claim 35, wherein an extension stent is used to reach
2 said left ventricle.

1 38. The method according to claim 35, wherein said trailing end is positioned near a
2 coronary ostium.

1 39. The method according to claim 35, wherein said trailing end is positioned in a
2 right atrium.

1 40. The method according to claim 35, wherein said side limb is positioned toward a
2 retrograde portion of said coronary sinus.

1 41. The method according to claim 35, wherein said main covered stent tapers cross
2 sectionally toward the leading end and the trailing end.

1 42. The method according to claim 35, wherein said main covered stent expands to
2 make a friction fit within said coronary sinus.

1 43. The method according to claim 42, wherein said friction fit prevents axial rotation
2 and migration.

1 44. The bifurcated stent according to claim 35, wherein cross section of said trailing
2 end, said leading end, said opening, and said side limb are appropriately sized to prevent
3 pressure level within the coronary sinus from rising above about 50 mm Hg.

1 45. The bifurcated stent according to claim 35, wherein the cross section of said
2 trailing end, said leading end, said opening, and said side limb are appropriately sized to
3 prevent pressure level within the coronary sinus from rising above about half systemic
4 pressure.

1 46. The bifurcated stent according to claim 35, wherein said side stent is attached to
2 said main stent.

1 47. The bifurcated stent according to claim 35, wherein said side stent is not attached
2 to said main stent, and said side stent is delivered after delivery of the main covered stent.

1 48. The bifurcated stent according to claim 35, wherein said bifurcated stent is
2 delivered percutaneously.

1 49. A bifurcated stent for facilitating retrograde supply of oxygenated blood to heart
2 tissue through a coronary sinus comprising:

3 a main covered stent having a main stent covered by a graft and defining an
4 opening, and having a leading end and a trailing end, wherein said main covered stent
5 tapers in cross sectionally toward said leading end and toward said trailing end, and

6 a side limb comprising a side stent, wherein said side limb is in contact with said
7 main covered stent about said opening.